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Léopold Sédar Senghor
Thinker, Statesman and Poet

1906 - 2001



Senegalese poet and statesman, Léopold Sédar Senghor had illustrious careers in both Paris and Dakar. He was elected to the French National Assembly (1946-1980). An originator of the concept of Négritude, his work spoke to the African identity in the French-speaking world. He was the first African elected to the Académie Française (1983).

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